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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	11-10-18.		One officer attended a course of Instruction in Defensive Measures against Gas and qualified 1st Class. All men in 5th Week of Training to be fitted with Small Box Respirators. All men proceeding Overseas are to be paraded the day before to have their S.B.R's re-tested.	
	2-10-18		Approval has been given for the issue of a 4th blanket.	
	3-10-18		Instructions received re Transportation of Kits and Luggage for Storage at A.I.F. Kit Store. London. One O/rank S.O.S. being 30 days in Hospital.	
	4-10-18		Board of Enquiry held (Quarterly Stocktaking Board).	
	5-10-18		Usual Route March via- Bishopstrow - along Warminster and Heytesbury Road to Road Junction - N of S in Heytesbury - Sutton Veny - Camp. Foot inspection held after march.	
	6-10-18		Usual Church Parades. One O/rank S.O.S. being in Hospital 30 days.	
	7-10-18		Barrack Inspection held. One O/rank S.O.S.	
	8-10-18		Instructions issued that a Special Picquet to be held in readiness ^{every} each night.	
	9-10-18		A Concert was given in Regimental Institute by the "Attractives". Instructions received that Winter Clothing to be issued.	
	10-10-18		Duties to mount at 1720. Two N.C.O's attended a Course of Instruction in Bombing, and qualified 1st Class. Applications called for the services of C.I. category as Side-Cars and Motor Drivers.	
	11-10-18		Nil.	
	12-10-18		Usual Route March via - Bishopstrow - Warminster - Bore Hill + Sutton Veny - Camp. Foot inspection held after march.	
	13-10-18		Usual Church Parades.	
	14-10-18		Three O/Ranks S.O.S. being in Hospital 30 days.	

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	15-10-18.		Instructions published re Men Reporting sich with Influenza Symptoms. One Officer attended a Course of Instruction in Defensive Measures against Gas and qualified 1st Class.	
	16-10-18		Issue of Coal for Winter months.	
	17-10-18		Muster parade held for the purpose of effecting alterations in the Establishment of the Battalion. Men from 1st Training Battalion to be sent to Pioneer Training Battalion for Engineering Instruction.	
	18-10-18		Ten O/ranks transferred from 1st Pioneer Battalion to 3rd Pioneer Battalion. Services of a Sign Writer of B2a or C.1 category called for.	
	19-10-18		Route March held, via - Bishopstrow - Heytesbury - Tytherington - Sutton Veny. Foot inspection held after march. One O/Rank S.O.S. as an Illegal Absentee. Court of Enquiry held. Orders published re instructions in view of the prevalence of severe Influenza raging at the present time.	
	20-10-18		Usual Church Parades. One O/rank transferred to Australian Provost Corps.	
	21-10-18		Nil	
	22-10-18		Authority given for the issue of a 5th Blanket <i>to each man</i> .	
	23-10-18		One O/rank transferred from 2nd Pioneer Battalion to 3rd Pioneer Battalion.	
	24-10-18		Nil.	
	25-10-18		One Officer attended a Course of Defensive Measures against Gas and qualified "Distinguished".	
	26-10-18		Route March via, Bishopstrow - Heytesbury - Tytherington - Sutton Veny. Foot inspection held after march. One O/rank S.O.S.	
	27-10-18		Notice published in orders for any member of this Battalion capable of doing sketches to see Circular Memo from A.I.F. War Records Section.	
	28-10-18		Change of Desination of Unit. Pioneer Training Battalion will be known as Pioneer Training Depot. 1 O/rank S.O.S.	

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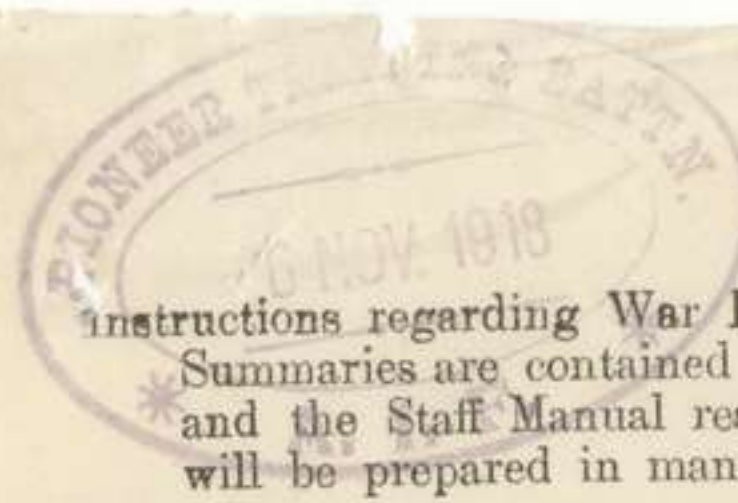
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	29-10-18		Three N.C.O's attended a Course of Instruction in Musketry and qualified 1st Class. Information received re alterations in parade times.	
	30-10-18		Nil.	
	31-10-18		One N.C.O. attended a course of Bombing and qualified 2nd Class. Information received to the effect that entries are to be made in the paybooks of members of the A.I.F. re the Employment of Soldiers on return to Civil Life.	<i>Summary</i>

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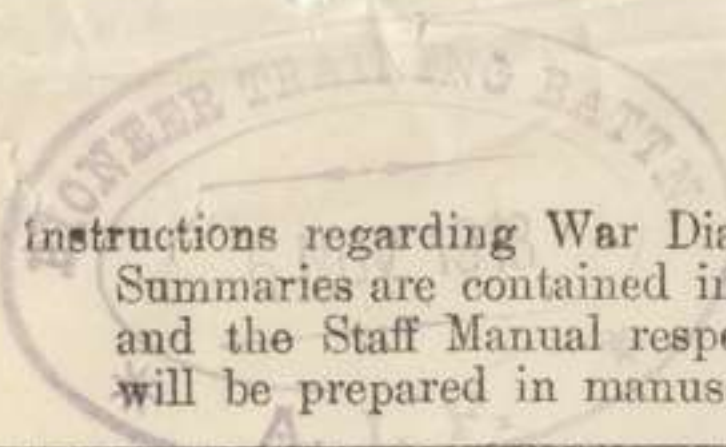
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			<p><u>GENERAL REPORT.</u></p> <p><u>PARADES AND TRAINING.</u> The usual parades have been carried out on Battalion Parade Ground, where training has been carried out as per weekly syllabus of training attached. Ten men became fully trained during the period. On examination of for classification of Signallers of the school attached to Pioneer Training Depot shews very satisfactory results, of 42 candidates examined 5 failed. The remainder obtained a first class pass. Four Route marches were carried out during the month, and foot inspections shew the state of mens' feet to be satisfactory. Night operations were also conducted. A General Parade was held at Longbridge Deverill Ranges on 14th October for presentation of Medals to N.C.O's and men. by the G.O.C.</p> <p><u>LECTURES.</u> Interesting lectures have been given during the course of Training on Wiring Systems Machine Gun Posts, Strong Posts, and Dug-outs, Revetting Organization of Shell Craters Defences, Screening and Camouflage, Demolitions, Consolidation, Trench Mortar Emplacements, Reconnaissance for Land Mines and Traps, Decaturville Construction.</p> <p><u>Medical.</u> The Health of the Troops in Camp, has been very satisfactory, apart from the Influenza Epidemic, 31 cases of Influenza being evacuated to Hospital, no deaths reported. The Dental Officer/also attached. Medical and Dental Graphs attached.</p> <p>report</p> <p><u>MOVEMENTS.</u> The number of Officers and O/Ranks marching in and out of Camp, is shewn in the weekly summaries with reasons for their movements.</p> <p><u>WORKS.</u> The weekly reports of Works Office shoews in detail the work being done in and around the Camp. The 30 yards Musketry Range has been completed and certified as safe. The Range has been in use for musketry and revolver courses. A detached party is still engaged on various works at Weymouth. <i>Blueprint attached.</i></p> <p><u>SCHOOLS.</u> During the month 7 Officers and 14 O/Ranks have marched out to various Schools of Instruction, and 1 Officer and 12 O/Ranks have marched in from Schools, and as far as been notified as to results each have qualified.</p>	<p>APP.1</p> <p>APP. 2 & 3.</p> <p>APP. 4.</p> <p>app. 8 9</p> <p><i>Hammond</i></p>



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			<p><u>CRIMES.</u> During the month 13 cases in Pioneer Training Depot were dealt with by C.O. and 16 in the Signal School of which latter 2 were sent for D.C.M. The discipline of the Battalion is generally very good. Most of these cases being of a Minor Nature.</p> <p><u>GARDENS.</u> A fatigue party has been engaged every day mainly on breaking up new ground. Some planting has been done and the progress of work is generally satisfactory.</p> <p><u>QUARTERMASTER'S DEPT.</u> A report from the Regimental Quartermaster is attached which shews work done in connection with this branch during the month.</p> <p><u>MESSING.</u> Diet Sheets for the month are attached together with the Messing Officer's report. A hot supper has been provided for the men since the middle of the month. Few complaints have been heard and the messing arrangements have appear to be satisfactory.</p> <p><u>WEATHER.</u> The weather has been generally satisfactory for training with the exception of occasional wet days. On these days training has been carried out in sheds and huts, and the opportunity has been taken to give lectures to the men on subjects of interest.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u> The general behaviour and moral of the men continues to be very satisfactory. All ranks are keen on football and a considerable number of men turn out regularly for practice. The first Training Brigade Signal School has been attached to this Depot for rations and discipline. Graphs showing Battalion and Ration Strengths is attached.</p>	<p>APP. 5</p> <p>APP. 6</p> <p>APP. 7</p>

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1st Lt. A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - WEEK ENDING 5TH OCTOBER, 1918.

Day	Early Morning	6-15 a.m. to 12-15 p.m.	3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday 30th Sept.	6-30 a.m. to 7 a.m.	Method of carrying tools. Laying out trace. Extending men on work. Simple form of fire trench (task work) not in touch with the enemy.	2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Digging communication trenches - different forms of traverse. Shelter slits and assembly trenches. 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Lecture on wiring systems (high and low).
Tuesday 1st Oct.	DOUBLE - 1/2 HOUR. QUICK MARCH - 1/4 HOUR.	Wiring methods on rear lines and strong posts. (No screw pickets to be used).	3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Lecture on digging M.G. posts, strong posts and dug-out, showing plans and sections.
Wednesday 2nd Oct.		Digging M.G. positions and dug-outs (splinter proof). I.M. Implacements task work system.	3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Lecture on revetting frames, and use of other revetting material.
Thursday 3rd Oct.		Digging improvements to fire trenches, fire steps and draining methods.	2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Digging box drains, culverts, and sumps. 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Kit inspection.
Friday 4th Oct.		Making concertina wire, practical revetting, sand bags, "A" frames, panels, hurdles.	2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Rapid Wiring Systems Lecture. 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Organisation of shell craters for defence. Rear forward and lip defence.
Saturday 5th Oct.		ROUPE MARCH	

<u>BATTALION SPECIALIST OFFICERS:-</u>	Bombing	Lieut. S.B. CHAMBERS.	P.S.B.T. - Lt. J.A. EWING.
	Gas	" " "	Musketry " D.V. EVANS.
	Wiring	" " "	Technical " C.H. FINCH.
	Drill	" J.A. EWING.	

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 12-16-18.

Day	Platoon	6-30 to 7 a.m.	8-15 to 8-30 a.m.	8-30 to 10-15 a.m.	10-15 to 10-50 a.m. & 11-5 to 12-15.	2 to 3 p.m.	* 3 to 4 p.m.
Monday	3B	MARCH 140 PACES	BATTALION PARADE.	Practical defence of shell craters rear & forward lip defence.	Rapid Wiring	G A S	Lecture. Screening & Camouflaged concealment of work during progress.
	4B			RAPID WIRING	Practical defence of shell craters, rear & forward lips defence.	BOMBING.	
Tuesday	3B	MARCH 140 PACES	BATTALION PARADE.	Digging low command: strong posts & support points.		Demonstration and Lecture Demolitions.	
	4B						
Wednesday	3B	MARCH 140 PACES	BATTALION PARADE.	Making formation and laying light Railway.		Pushing enemy trenches and blocking C.P.'s.	Lecture. Consolidation of newly won positions.
	4B						
Thursday	3B	MARCH 140 PACES	BATTALION PARADE.	Rapid Wiring	Assault Course	BOMBING.	Lecture. Construction of concrete emplacements for guns, M.G.'s and T.M.'s.
	4B			Assault Course	Rapid Wiring	G A S	
Friday	3B	MARCH 140 PACES	BATTALION PARADE.	Practical Revetting	Emergency M.G. positions.	Light Railway Construction.	Lecture. Reconnaissance for land mines & traps in area evacuated by the enemy.
	4B			Emergency M.G. positions.	Practical Revetting.		
Saturday				ROUTE MARCH.			

BATTALION SPECIALIST OFFICERS:

-Bombing	Lieut. S.B. CHAMBERS.	P.&B.T.	Lieut. J.A. EWING.
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Wiring	" " "	Technical	" C.H. FIECH.
Drill	" J.A. EWING.		

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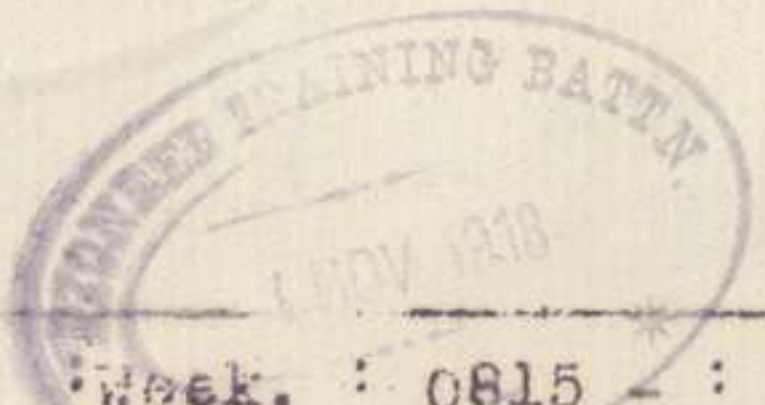
Day	Week Trng.	6-30.to 7. 8-15 -- 8-30.	8-30.a.m to 12-15.p.m.	2 to 3.p.m.	3 to 4.p.m.
Monday	12th		MAKING FORMATION - LAYING LIGHT RAILWAY.	LECTURE ON ROAD-MAKING PLANK, FASCINE & EARTH ROADS, SIDE-DRAINS, WATER.	P.&.B.T.
Tuesday	13th		DIGGING LOW COMMAND STRONG POSTS & SUPPORT POINTS (DIFFERENT TYPES) Lt. Bruce	LECTURE ON DEEP DUGOUTS, LIVING QUARTERS, SANITATION OF SAME. Lt. Hughes	MUSKETRY EXERCISES Lt. Evans
Wednesday	14th		8-30 -- 10-15. RAPID WIRING. Lt. Ewing 10-15 - 10-50. P.T. Lt. Ewing 11-5 to 12-25. LECTURE ON BRIDGING EXPEDIENTS. Lt. Ewing	LECTURE ON THE USE & FITTING OF GAS-PROOF DOORS TO DUGOUTS Lt. Chambers	ASSAULT COURSE Lt. Ewing
Thursday	15th		8-30 to 9-30. LECTURE ON CONSOLIDATION, TURNING, BLOCKING ENEMY TRENCHES. Lt. Jarvis 9-30 to 12-15. PRACTICAL WORK OF ABOVE NATURE ON GROUND. Lt. Jarvis	LECTURE ON AEROPLANE PHOTOS, SPECIAL ATTENTION BEING DRAWN TO LIGHT & SHADE IN GIVING AWAY POSITIONS, TRACKS ETC. Capt. Stenerson	KIT INSPECTION.
Friday	16th		8-30 to 9-15. LECTURE ON DIGGING MACHINE GUN POSITIONS (SPLINTER-PROOF). Lt. Barnden	LECTURE ON DRAINAGE OF TRENCHES BOX DRAINS, CULVERTS & SUMPS. Lt. Bruce	P.&.B.T.
Saturday	17th		ROUTE MARCH		

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BATTALION SPECIALIST OFFICERS:-

BOMBING	Lieut. S. B. CHAMBERS.	DRILL -	Lieut. J. A. EWING.	MUSK.-	Lt. D. W. EVANS
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WIRING	" " "				



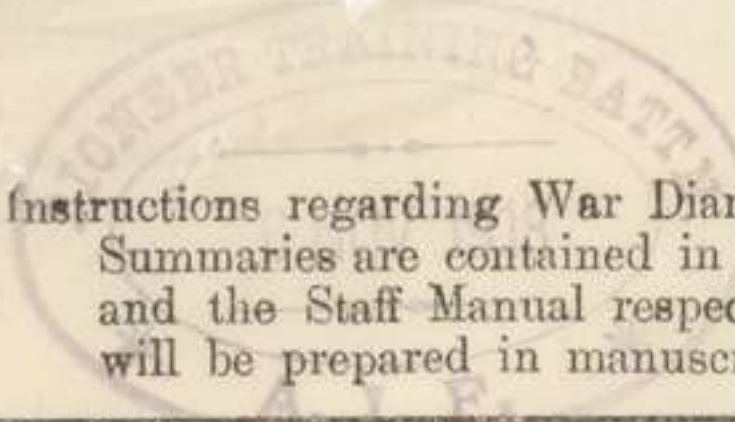
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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 26.10.18.

Day.	Week.	0815 - 0830.	0830 to 1215.	1400 to 1500	1900 to 2200
Monday.	13th	Coy Insp & Battalion. Pde	0830 - 1015. MARCHING ON WORK IN S.B.R.'s. 1015 - 1215. RAPID WIRING		SETTING MEN ON TASK AND DIGGING FIRE TRENCH
Tuesday.	13th 22nd	0945 to 1000. COY INSPECTION. AND BATTALION PARADE.	1000 - 1100 LECTURE ON SITE OF PREVIOUS NIGHTS WORK; MISTAKES MADE POINTED OUT. 1100 - 1200 WIRING IN GAS MASKS.	LECTURE ON NIGHT'S WORK.	FINISHING EXISTING FIRE TRENCH. C.T. & RAPID WIRING.
Wednesday.	13th 23rd		1000 - 1200 MAKING FORMATION AND LAYING LIGHT RAILWAY.	LECTURE ON NIGHT'S WORK.	DIGGING FORWARD T HEAD POSITION & M.G. POSTS.
Thursday.	13th 24th		1000 - 1100 LECTURE ON DEEP DUGOUTS LIVING QUARTERS - SANITATION OF SAME 1100 - 1200 LECTURE ON ROAD MAKING. PLANK FASCINE. EARLY ROADS, SIDE-DRAINS, WATER.	LECTURE ON NIGHTS WORK 1800 - 1600 KIT INSPECTION.	1900 - 2100 LAYING LIGHT RAILWAY. S.B.R.'S TO BE WORN FOR ONE HOUR.
Friday.	13th 25th		1000 - 1100 MUSKETRY 1100 - 1200 P.&.B.T.	1400 - 1500 LECTURE ON BRIDGING EXPEDIENTS. 1500 - 1600 BOMBING	
Saturday	13th 26th			ROUTE MARCH	

SPECIALIST OFFICERS.:- Bombing Lt. S.B. CHAMBERS. 2nd Pnrs. Drill - Lt. J.A. EWING. 5th Pns.
 Gas " " " " P.&.B.T. - " " "
 Wiring " " " " Musketry - D.W. EVANS. 1st Pnrs.
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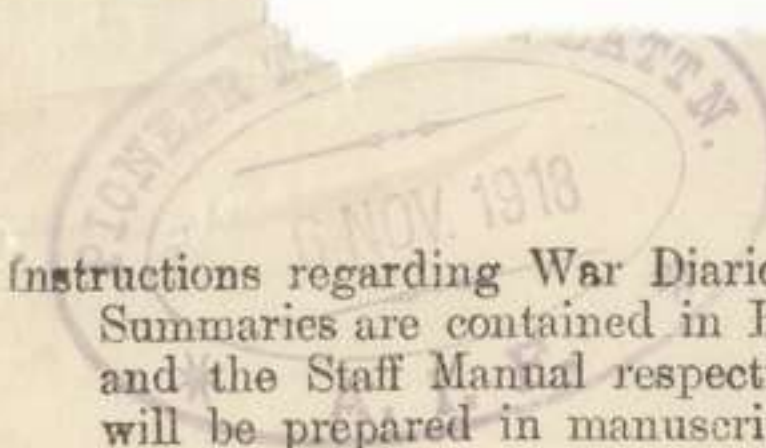
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<u>SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING 7-10-18.</u>													
Admitted to Hospital.			Off. 3.0/ranks.		Marched in ex.			Schools.		10 off 2.0/ranks.			
Discharged from Hospital.			2. "		" " "			O/Units.		1 "			
Treated by Dental Officer			32. "		" " "			France		1 " 5 "			
No. of men in Training.			291. "		" " "			Australia.		1 " - "			
No. of men Fully Trained.			95 "		" " "			Detention.		- " - "			
No of men Classified.			122 "		" " "			Detached Parties.		1 " - "			
Ration Strength. . . . .			.24 " 308		" " "			out to Schools		1 " - "		
Battalion Strength . . . . .			.28 " 413		" " "			O/Units.		12 "		
								Detention.		- "			
								Australia.		- "			
								Detached Parties		1 " 2 "			
								France.		5 "			

<u>SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING 14-10-18.</u>													
Admitted to Hospital.			Off. 2.0/ranks.		Marched in ex.			Schools.		- Off. -0/ranks			
Discharged from Hospital.			4. "		" " "			O/Units. . . . .		.1 " 6 "		
Treated by Dental Officer			17 "		" " "			France. . . . .		.1 " - "		
No. of men in Training.			288 "		" " "			Australia.		- " - "			
No. of men Fully Trained.			103 "		" " "			Detention.		- " - "			
No. of men classified.			114 "		" " "			Detached Parties . . . . .		.1 " 5 "		
Ration Strength. . . . .			.20 " 312		" " "			out to Schools . . . . .		.2 " 4 "		
Battalion Strength.26 " 402		" " "			O/Units.1 " 16 "			
								Detention.		- " - "			
								Australia.		- " - "			
								Detached Parties1 " - "			
								France.5 " - "			

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			<u>SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING 21-10-18.</u>	
			Admitted to Hospital..... 1. Off. 130/Ranks	Marched in ex. Schools. -Off. 5.0/Ranks.
			Discharged from Hospital. 4 "	O/Units. 7 "
			Treated by Dental Officer 54 "	France 1 "
				Detention. 6 "
			No. of men in Training. 263 "	Australia. - "
			No. of men Fully Trained. 97 "	Detached Parties - "
			No. of men classified. 111 "	out to Schools. 1 " 4 "
				O/Units. 1 " 11 "
			Ration Strength. 23 " 268 "	France. 1 " 22 "
			Battalion Strength. 26 " 374 "	Detention. - "
				Australia. - "
				Detached Parties - "

			<u>SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING 28-10-18.</u>	
			Admitted to Hospital. Off. 20.0/Ranks	Marched in ex. Schools. -Off. 5.0/Ranks
			Discharged from Hospital. 7 "	O/Units. 7 "
			Treated by Dental Officer 16 "	France 1 "
				Detention. - "
			No. of men in Training. 267 "	Australia. - "
			No. of men Fully Trained. 97 "	Detached Parties. - "
			No. of men classified 110 "	out to Schools. 3 " 6 "
				O/Units. 3 " 3 "
			Ration Strength. 19 " 272 "	France 1 " 5 "
			Battalion Strength. 24 " 377 "	Detention. - "
				Australia. 1 "
				Detached Parties - "

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	Week ending 2-10-18.		<p><u>WORKS REPORT FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1918.</u></p> <p><u>CARPENTERS.</u> have been engaged on making and completion of Bomb Projector, making Box for B.O.R. wooden cover for Down pipe Officers' Quarters, fixing Clothes Hooks Bath Room. Making Sentry Box Sliding Doors for Officers Quarters. Repairs to No.6.Camp, in accordance to Marching Out State.</p> <p><u>PAINTERS.</u> have been engaged on works at Group Headquarters, Roof of Regimental Institute, and Guard Room.</p> <p><u>PLUMBERS.</u> have been engaged on works for Bombing Officer, Repairs for Sinks and Gullies at Officers' Quarters, making Traget Carriers 30 yards Range, and also Ironstand for same. Repairs to Roof Battalion Orderly Room, making handles and fitting same to Grease Traps. Making Iron Staples and fixing same to Coal Yard Gate.</p> <p><u>DRAUGHTSMAN.</u> Plan shewing Layout Barrack Rooms, Plan shewing new position of Latrine Officers Quarters. Plan of Works at Weymouth. Levels Tennis Court, Plan of Sewer 30 yards Range and General office Routine works.</p> <p><u>30 YARD RANGE.</u> Work is progressing satisfactorily.</p>	
	Week ending 9-10-18.		<p><u>PAINTERS</u> have been engaged at Group Headquarters and Battalion Orderly Room Pioneer Training Bn.</p> <p><u>CARPENTERS.</u> have been engaged in doing repairs to No 6 Camp, in accordance to Marching out States. Making and fitting sliding Door Officers' Mess, Repairs to Tripod, Glazing at No 6 Camp and Regimental Institute, Box Battalion Orderly Room.</p> <p><u>PLUMBERS.</u> erecting Stove Sergeant's Mess, Repairs to Taps and also Pipes at Regimental Institute and Laundry.</p> <p><u>30 Yard Range.</u> Works progressing satisfactorily.</p> <p><u>GAS DUG-OUT⁷</u> sand-bag Revetting progressing satisfactorily.</p>	<p>12 Hamp</p>



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Week Ending	17-10-18.		<p>PAINTERS have been employed on work at Battalion Orderly Room, Commanding Officer's Room, Guard Room and Detention Room and Cells.</p> <p>CARPENTERS, have been employed at Glazing No 6 Camp, Officers Kitchen (Sliding Doors) also removing and re-erection of partition in Regimental Institute. Cupboards for S.D. O. and partition in Battalion Orderly Room.</p> <p>PLUMBERS AND BLACKSMITHS, have been employed Repairing Brakes on G.S. Wagons, Stoves in Sergeants Mess Kitchen, No 6 Hut, and Officers Mess.</p> <p>30yard Range, Excavating and filling was carried on with also Earthenware pipe drain commenced, GAS PROOF DUG-OUT, Sand- bagging was finished during the week and roof commenced.</p>	
Week Ending	22-10-18.		<p>CARPENTERS have been employed on works in connection with the removal and re-erection of Partition and Stage in Regimental Institute, this work has been delayed owing to the Institute being used for Lectures and the Carpenters being taken for Afternoon Parades, and in the event of the continuance of this method of doing the work, the Regimental Institute cannot be ready for the next concert. Two Carpenters have been engaged on the framing and roofing of Gas Dug-out for Group Headquarters, this work will be completed next week subject to being able to obtain necessary carpenters from Parade. One carpenter has been engaged on making Cabinets for the S.D.O. which work has now been completed. Two carpenters have been engaged on Work at Battalion Orderly Room, this work will be completed in the course of three days. Construction of Box Drain for Rifle Range.</p> <p>PAINTERS have been engaged on painting Battalion Orderly Room. This work is practically completed.</p> <p>PLUMBER & BLACKSMITH have been engaged on fitting Stoves and repairs to taps. Sharpening Tools.</p> <p>30 YARD RANGE Excavation and filling works. Laying 4" E.W.P. Drain.</p> <p>GAS DUG-OUT This job will be completed next week.</p>	<p><i>Handwritten signature</i></p> <p>13</p>

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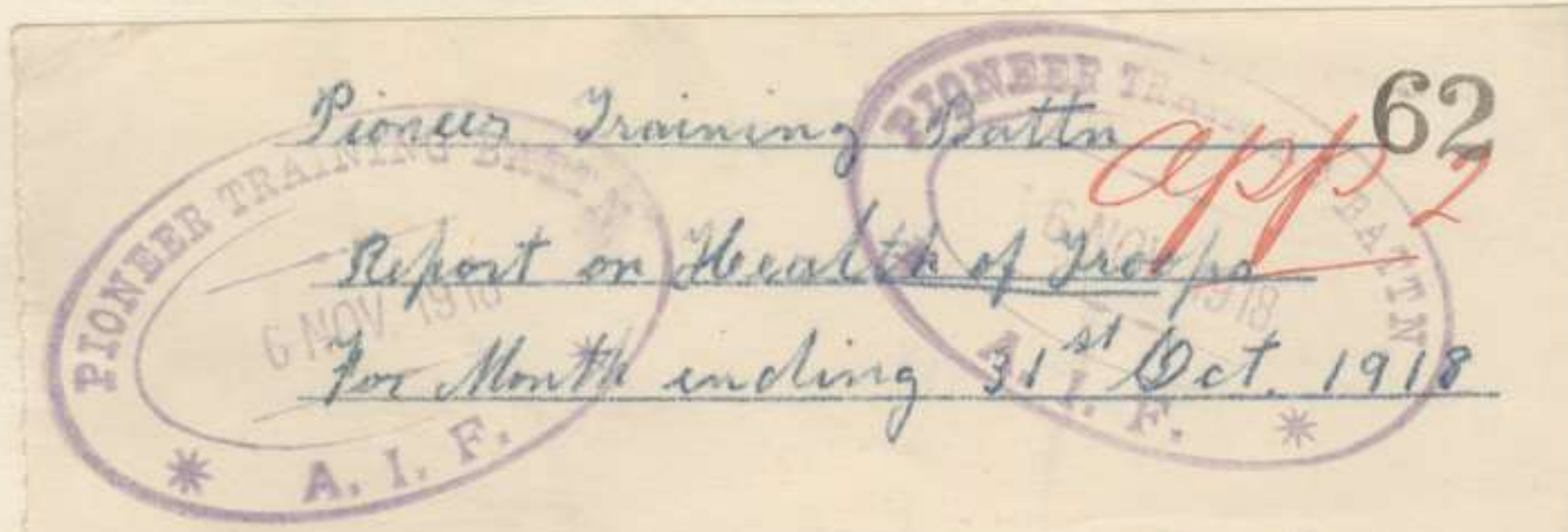
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WAR DIARY
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p><u>WORKS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 29-10-18.</u></p> <p>PAINTERS have been engaged on painting Battalion Orderly Room, Officers Mess, and a party in charge of a Corporal have been cleaning down and white-washing Men's Cookhouse.</p> <p>CARPENTERS have been Shifting and re-erecting partition in the Regimental Institute, also re-erecting stage and Scenery. Window Frame and Sash for Gas-Dug-out. The erection and framing of roof at gas dug-out. Pigeon holes and shelves for S.M.O. Sign boards for Camp purposes. partition and door frames at Depot Orderly Room, shelves etc. Officers Mess.</p> <p>PLUMBERS AND BLACKSMITH. Erection of Vent Pipe at Laundry making and fitting plates to Maltese Cart.</p> <p>30 YARDS RANGE Clearing and levelling off site.</p> <p>GAS DUG-OUT Work now completed.</p> <p>DRAFTSMAN. 30 Blue Prints of Hutment of Equipment arrangement of Equipment completed and one placed in each Hut.</p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Amund</i></p>

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During last Month the average on Sick Parade was 6 per Day an increase of 1 on last Months figures. The average Ration Strength per Day was 651

Compared to 356 per Day for September. The Admissions to Hospital numbered 42 of which 4 were Scabies, Measles 31 Influenza and 5 General Complaints. Five Cases Attended Early Treatment and were all Discharged Cured.

The General Health of the Troops has been very Good. The increase of Admissions to Hospital for the last Two Weeks was Due to an Outbreak of Influenza. This Report Includes the Signalling School

J. M. O'Brien Capt

R. M. O. P. 243

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Monthly Report on Health of Troop

Oct	No on Parade	No on Hospital Admissions	Infected	General	Total	Early Treatment
1	7	-	-	-	NIL	
2	4	2	-	-	2	
3	6	-	-	-	NIL	
4	1	-	-	-	NIL	
5	9	-	-	-	NIL	
6	2	-	-	1	1	
7	8	-	-	-	NIL	
8	1	-	-	-	NIL	
9	4	-	-	1	1	
10	5	-	-	1	1	
11	7	-	-	1	1	
12	5	-	-	-	NIL	
13	6	1	-	1	2	
14	5	-	-	-	NIL	
15	2	-	-	-	NIL	
16	2	-	-	-	NIL	
17	3	-	-	2	2	
18	7	-	-	4	4	
19	9	-	-	-	NIL	
20	16	-	-	-	NIL	
21	10	-	-	6	6	1
22	6	-	-	1	1	1
23	10	-	-	1	1	
24	10	-	-	2	2	
25	6	-	-	2	2	
26	9	-	-	2	2	
27	9	-	-	1	1	
28	7	-	-	5	5	
29	6	-	-	1	1	
30	5	-	-	2	2	1
31	12	2	-	3	5	
199		Scabs 4		37	42	5



W. S. Dumbell Capt
 R. M. & P. J. B.
 4.10.18

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To Adjutant
Pioneer Troop Co.

Re Monthly Dental Report

with the exception of
 OR marching in from
 France + OR in Hospital
 + away with working
 Part of the Pioneer Troop
 Co. is Dentally Fit.
 The last monthly return shows
 unfit 15. Dear General
 Capt

R.D.O.
 55th D.V.

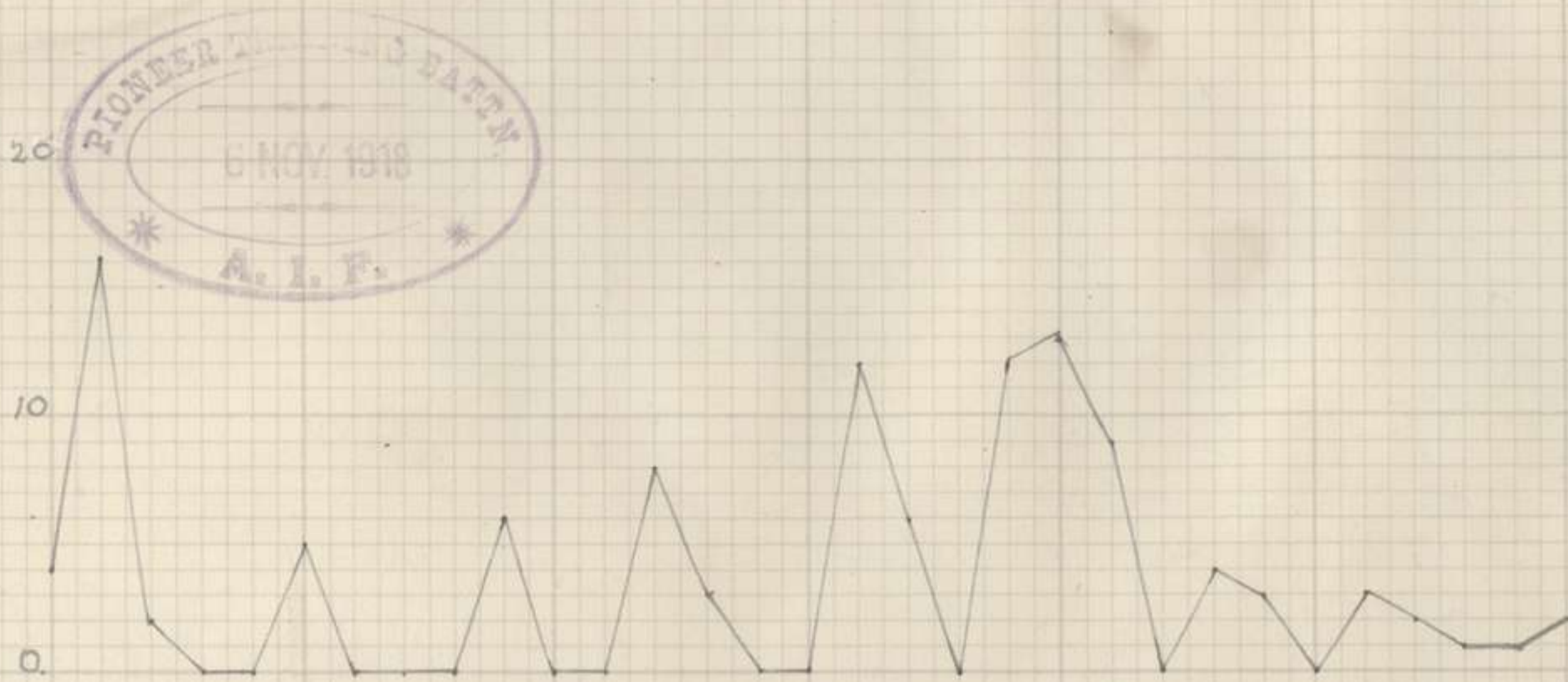
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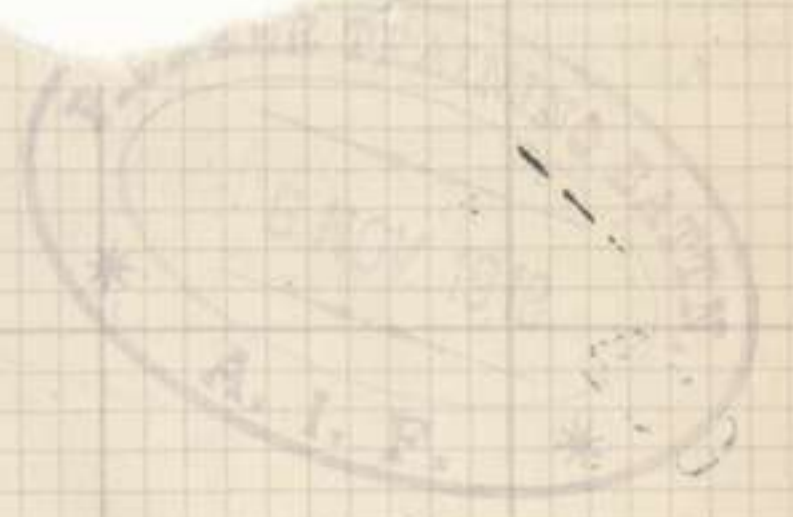
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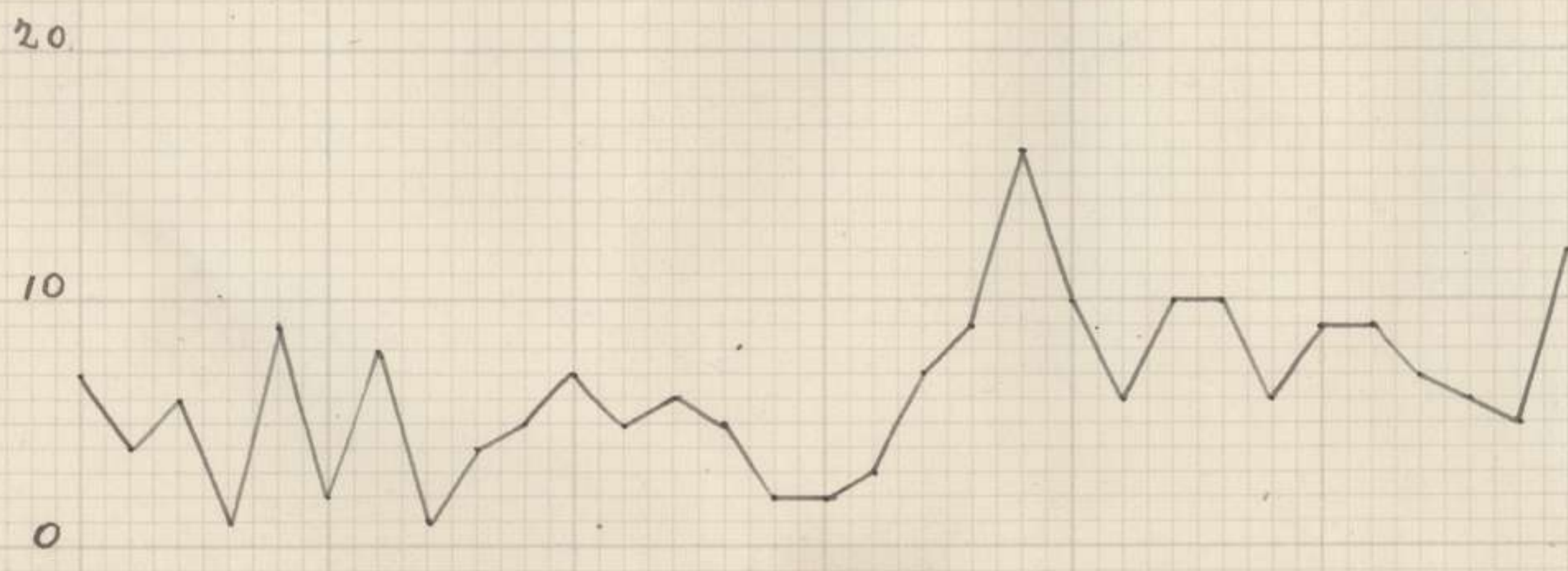


Graph shewing Dental Cases for Month of October 1918.



PIONEER TRAINING DEPOT A.I.F.

SUTTON VENY.



Graph shewing Sick Parade for Month of October 1918.

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Pioneer Training Depot, A.I.F.

To/
Adjutant,
P.T.D.
A.I.F.

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-War diary for Month of October, 1918-

Report from this Dept under above heading herewith, please.

Issues and Withdrawals.

During period under review issues to Officers and O/r have been made, as under :-

Issues of New Clothing, etc.,	152.
Exchanges of Clothing, etc.,	174.

Winter clothing has come to hand, and the issue of same is being proceeded with as fast as is possible.

New Institutions.

Issue of Winter Fuel (Coal, Coke and Kindling Wood) has been put into operation.

Sanitation of Camp.

Reports under this heading from S.M.O. have been generally satisfactory, and all suggestions made by him have been complied with.

Camp Improvements.

Anti-Frost Protection to Reticulation System throughout camp is being proceeded with, and is nearing completion.

Messing.

This has been dealt with by Messing Officer, and his Report is attached hereto.

No. 2 Camp,
Sutton Veny,
4/11/18.

[Signature]
Lieut.,
Q.M.,
Pioneer Training Depot.



Assessing Office
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PIONEER TRAINING BATTERY
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APP. 6

War Diary Report.

Oct 1918.

The period ended Oct. 25th 1918
& the length of period 28 days.
The daily average necessary
strength was 568.

Sausage meat was issued on
six occasions. Preserved
meat once & biscuits twice.

Preserved meat & biscuits did
appear to give satisfaction &
have since been cancelled.

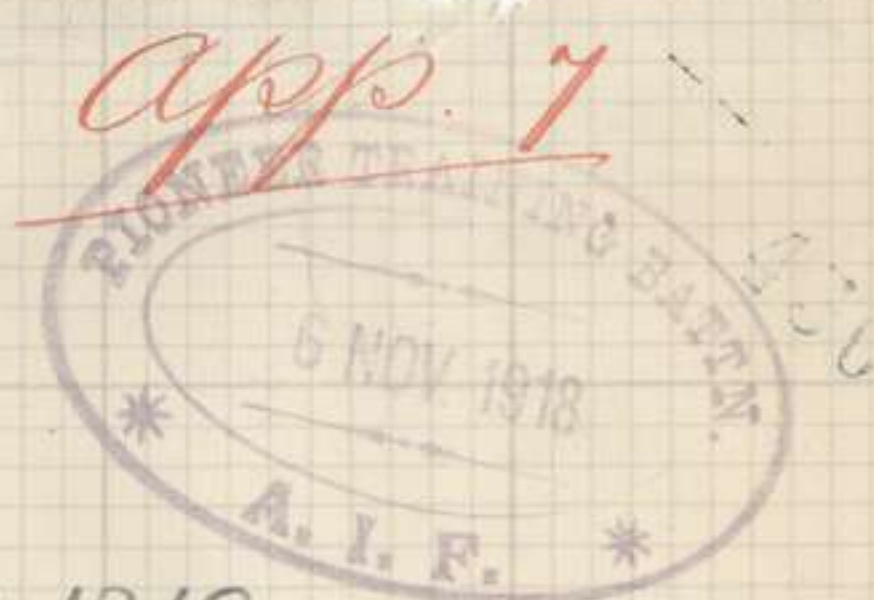
During the first part of the month
the meat received was of poor
quality in as much as there
was very little fat.

Regular reports were passed by
Chief Messing Officer & all suggestions
made by him have been put
into action.

The messing seemed to be to the
satisfaction of the men on the
whole. Herewith 4 copies of Diet sheet

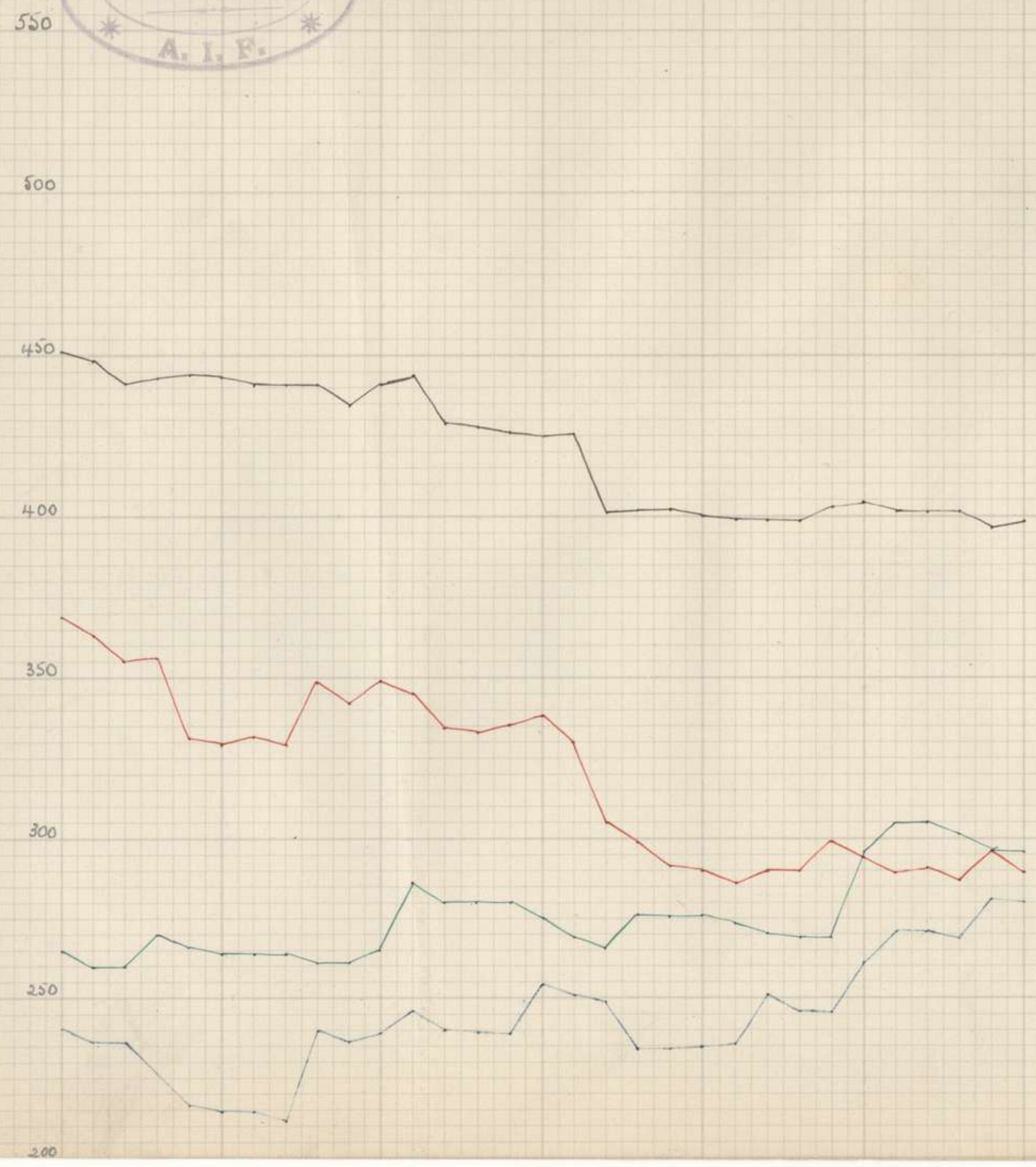
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OCTOBER 1918.
PIONEER TRAINING DEPOT. AIF.
SUTTON VENEY.

Battalion Strength in Black
Ration do do in Red.
Signal School do in Green.
Ration do do in Blue.



Harold Morrison



Table with 7 columns: SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY. Each column contains a menu for Breakfast, Dinner, and Tea.

SUPPER.—Soup will be prepared for and issued to Guards, Picquets, &c., and all Men requiring same.

SCALE OF RATIONS.

Table showing rations for Officers and Other Ranks, Boys under 19 years, and W.A.A.C.s across various food categories like Bread, Meat, Bacon, etc.

W.A.A.C.s may draw 5 oz. Meat and 2 oz. Bacon, or 7 oz. Meat.

EQUIVALENTS.

Table showing equivalents for Bread (Flour, Oatmeal, etc.) and Meat (Sausage, Rabbit, etc.) for Officers and Other Ranks, Boys under 19 years, and W.A.A.C.s.

Dressed Fish will not be issued in future to Australian troops.

NOTES:—

Salt, Pepper, and Mustard should be placed on Mess Tables at all meals in suitable containers. Draw 1 1/2 oz. Flour daily in lieu of 2 oz. Bread. Milk allowed, 180 pints per week.

With the authority of the Officer Commanding Unit (Battalion, Command Depot, etc.), Units may transfer a dish prescribed for a meal on any day to another meal for the same day, or combine two dishes prescribed for the same day.

RECIPES.

Weights as shown are in ounces per 100 Men.

Large section containing detailed recipes for various dishes such as Irish Stew, Cold Ham, Porridge and Milk, Fried Liver and Bacon, etc., with ingredients and instructions.

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EQUIVALENTS.

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RECIPES.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES DIET SHEET

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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breakfast: 2oz Sugar, 1oz Tea, 1oz Coffee, 1oz Milk, 1oz Fat. Dinner: 4oz Meat, 1oz Fat, 1oz Veg, 1oz Fruit, 1oz Bread. Tea: 1oz Sugar, 1oz Tea, 1oz Milk.	Breakfast: 2oz Sugar, 1oz Tea, 1oz Coffee, 1oz Milk, 1oz Fat. Dinner: 4oz Meat, 1oz Fat, 1oz Veg, 1oz Fruit, 1oz Bread. Tea: 1oz Sugar, 1oz Tea, 1oz Milk.	Breakfast: 2oz Sugar, 1oz Tea, 1oz Coffee, 1oz Milk, 1oz Fat. Dinner: 4oz Meat, 1oz Fat, 1oz Veg, 1oz Fruit, 1oz Bread. Tea: 1oz Sugar, 1oz Tea, 1oz Milk.	Breakfast: 2oz Sugar, 1oz Tea, 1oz Coffee, 1oz Milk, 1oz Fat. Dinner: 4oz Meat, 1oz Fat, 1oz Veg, 1oz Fruit, 1oz Bread. Tea: 1oz Sugar, 1oz Tea, 1oz Milk.	Breakfast: 2oz Sugar, 1oz Tea, 1oz Coffee, 1oz Milk, 1oz Fat. Dinner: 4oz Meat, 1oz Fat, 1oz Veg, 1oz Fruit, 1oz Bread. Tea: 1oz Sugar, 1oz Tea, 1oz Milk.	Breakfast: 2oz Sugar, 1oz Tea, 1oz Coffee, 1oz Milk, 1oz Fat. Dinner: 4oz Meat, 1oz Fat, 1oz Veg, 1oz Fruit, 1oz Bread. Tea: 1oz Sugar, 1oz Tea, 1oz Milk.	Breakfast: 2oz Sugar, 1oz Tea, 1oz Coffee, 1oz Milk, 1oz Fat. Dinner: 4oz Meat, 1oz Fat, 1oz Veg, 1oz Fruit, 1oz Bread. Tea: 1oz Sugar, 1oz Tea, 1oz Milk.

COLOURS	WEIGHTS	MEASURES	VALUES
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RECIPIES

NAME OF DISH	INGREDIENTS	QUANTITY	REMARKS
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SCALE OF RATIONS.

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EQUIVALENTS.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES DIET SHEET

Pioneer Tmg Bttn. October 1918

FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY	SUNDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Breakfast</i> Porridge & Milk Tea & Sugar Bread & Butter Dessert Tea	<i>Breakfast</i> Porridge & Milk Tea & Sugar Bread & Butter Dessert Tea	<i>Breakfast</i> Porridge & Milk Tea & Sugar Bread & Butter Dessert Tea	<i>Breakfast</i> Porridge & Milk Tea & Sugar Bread & Butter Dessert Tea	<i>Breakfast</i> Porridge & Milk Tea & Sugar Bread & Butter Dessert Tea	<i>Breakfast</i> Porridge & Milk Tea & Sugar Bread & Butter Dessert Tea	<i>Breakfast</i> Porridge & Milk Tea & Sugar Bread & Butter Dessert Tea
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<i>Tea</i> Biscuits Milk Sugar Tea	<i>Tea</i> Biscuits Milk Sugar Tea	<i>Tea</i> Biscuits Milk Sugar Tea	<i>Tea</i> Biscuits Milk Sugar Tea	<i>Tea</i> Biscuits Milk Sugar Tea	<i>Tea</i> Biscuits Milk Sugar Tea	<i>Tea</i> Biscuits Milk Sugar Tea

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EQUIVALENTS				SCALE OF RATIONS			
1 lb	2 lb	3 lb	4 lb	1 lb	2 lb	3 lb	4 lb
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RECIPIES

Recipe Name	Ingredients	Instructions
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SCALE OF RATIOMS.

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Pioneer Prog. Hton.

October 1918.²²
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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY

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RECIPIES

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	INITIALS

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Recreation Ground.

WEYMOUTH.

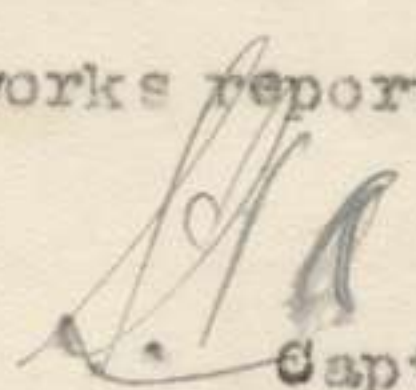
Brig. Gen. P. Mc. Glynn. C.M.G. V.D.
A.I.F. Headquarters,
TILDWORTH.

I have to report that I have this day completed the work at the Recreation Ground, Weymouth.

A Board assembled this afternoon to inspect the work carried out by me and the President thereof expressed entire satisfaction in the manner in which the work had been done.

I understand the English A.S.C. Coy, are moving in tomorrow (Saturday) and I and my party remove to Westham Camp. I shall be commencing the alterations at Westham Camp on Monday next 4th, inst. and this will take from five to six days. Will you please let me know if you wish me to continue to send you a daily works report now that I am in close touch with the Commandant.

1-11-18.


Captain.

— ASC DEPOT —
— WEYMOUTH —

— General Plan shewing Work of
— Pioneer Detachment A.I.F. —
— New Works Red —
— New Drainage Streams —
— Scale - R.F. = 500 —



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KITCHEN

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Men's Hut

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12' Terr. Sewer

4" 2" Drain

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Men's Hut

Men's Hut

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